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NADINE OFF TO GAMES

It's smiles all round for Bob and Adele Guest as they play with their three-year-old daughter Nadine, who is recovering from a life-saving kidney transplant.

The youngster, who lives in Deal, is about to take part in the annual British Transplant Games to inspire people to become NHS donors - making her the youngest ever to do so.

Despite needing constant medical care for a condition she has had since she was a baby, Nadine aims to take part in the 25-metre dash, obstacle race and throwing competition. **FULL STORY PAGE 3**

■ BY MARIJKE COX

GWYN Prosser is one of the latest MPs to have become embroiled in the expenses scandal.

The Labour politician, who represents Dover and Deal, was featured in The Daily Telegraph about claims relating to his designated second home in London.

One claim was put in three years after maintenance work was carried out and another for flooring put in by his brother Huw - despite him living almost 200 miles away in Wales.

The paper reported that he paid his brother £650 for work at his London pad in 2006.

However, Mr Prosser has denied any wrongdoing, stating that he paid his brother's travel out of his own pocket and helped out with the work to keep costs down.

He said: "The Telegraph has all my correspondence with the Fees Office, together with the receipts, and they know that I declared that I was employing my brother for the work."

"They also know that I received a quote from other contractors and the cheapest one - for the flooring job alone - was over £200 more than my brother's charge for the whole job."

In 2006 Mr Prosser made claims of £2,782 for the removal of asbestos and a door entry system on his second home, despite having moved to a different property in 2003.

The father-of-three stressed this was down to a delay in an invoice by Southwark council, the freeholder of the first property, which had asked for the work to be done.

Mr Prosser said: "These were Section 20 works carried out by the council for the whole

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MoD funding to keep military event armed and fully operational

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE Ministry of Defence has secured the future of Dover's Hellfire Corner event.

A grant was awarded by the MoD to the Hellfire Corner Association, which organises the annual celebrations, to ensure that it can continue through the troubled economic times.

The annual weekend will become an Armed Forces event and, as well as the usual 1940s entertainment, will recognise other eras and the contributions made by the military through history.

Barry Williams, chairman of the Hellfire Corner Association, said: "In these difficult times, financial constraints had placed the future of the event in doubt after this year.

"This news means that this weekend can go from strength to strength. We want to build on these core elements that have made it such a huge success rather than change what is a winning formula.

"It will remain free to all who wish to attend in Pencester Gardens in the heart of Dover and the shadow of Dover Castle."

This year's event is being held on

Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14, from 10am to 4pm.

As part of the celebrations, Astor College of the Arts will be performing a part of their production The Blitz and the Swingtime Sisters and Clover Sisters will be returning to entertain the crowds.

On Saturday evening, a 1940s dance is taking place at Dover Town Hall from 7.30pm with music from the Sticky Wicket Swing Band and a surprise guest performer.

Advance tickets are £15 and available from Dover Town Council on 01304 242625 or by contacting Mr Williams on 01304 213902 or 07972 194745.

Alternatively, tickets can be bought for £20 on the door.

On Sunday, the Duke of York's Royal Military School will parade in the park for a drumhead service as part of its 100-year anniversary.

Mr Williams said: "I wish to record our thanks for the continued support of Dover Town Council, Dover District Council and our county members, without whom our event could not take place."

He also thanked Blakes of Castle Street, Regency IFA, RS Entertainment and the event partner USO Field Concerts.

Tory candidate slams Prosser and demands an election

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block of flats and each owner was obliged to make a payment."

Mr Prosser added that when pressed by the Fees Office to settle the late invoice, he provided it with all the paperwork, asking it to give consideration to the claim.

But Tory parliamentary candidate Charlie Elphicke has slammed Mr Prosser, stating that MPs should be open about their expenses.

He said: "We wouldn't have known any of these things had the Telegraph not published them.

"I'm sad Mr Prosser didn't take the lead and publish everything. We need a general election now to start over.

Economy

"Mr Prosser needs to clarify whether he is in a similar position to Alastair Darling on the service charges.

"With regards to the work his brother did, if it had been me I would have used a Doverian builder. Our local economy could do with the boost.

"My biggest concern is one of trust. He said he'd save Buckland Hospital, but it's closing. He said he'd support the Gurkhas, but voted against them.

"He said he was squeaky-clean on expenses, but there are problems. How can we trust anything he says?"

Church celebrates those special days

ST JOHN'S Church in Kingsdown is holding an open day entitled Over The Rainbow.

This year's theme is anniversaries, and organisers hope to hear from people celebrating a special day this year, particularly silver wedding anniversaries.

The event is on Saturday, July 4, from 10.30am-5pm. People with gifts from previous anniversaries are being asked to help out with displays by loaning the presents to the church for the open day.

Contributions of cakes, plants and raffle prizes will also be welcome.

For children, a Wizard Of Oz trail and scarecrow competition is being held at 11.30am, with the scarecrows to be dressed as either a lion or a witch.

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Transplant youngster star Guest at Games

Nadine set to line up with competitors after kidney swap

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A THREE-year-old girl from Deal is set to become the youngest contender in the British Transplant Games after a life-saving operation.

Nadine Guest, who suffers from congenital nephrotic syndrome, which affects the kidneys, was given a transplant in July last year from a 41-year-old donor.

The youngster is now getting ready to take part in the annual event to inspire people to sign up to the NHS organ donor register and celebrate her success.

Nadine, who was admitted to Guys Hospital aged just four days, has spent much of her life travelling up to the Evelina Children's Hospital in London with her adopted parents Bob and Adele.

Sunshine

The couple, who have been married for 34 years and have two grown-up children, fostered Nadine when she was six months old but after just a few weeks decided to make it permanent through the Kent Adoption Service.

Adele, 54, a retired nurse said: "We'd been fostering for 16 years when we took on Nadine, but we really bonded with her. We knew we wanted to adopt her but thought our age would be against us."

"But we went through the process and she's been with us ever since. She's injected sunshine into us all. She gives us more than we've given her – the whole family are besotted with her."



STAR GUEST: Nadine Guest, with mum Adele, is taking part in the 25-metre dash at the British Transplant Games

Bob, 56, a retired police officer, said that Nadine was the apple of his eye and helped to keep him young.

"It's given me a real chance to be a dad

again," he said. "When I was working a lot for the police, it was hard to be around as much for my children, so I'm really enjoying being at home with her."

"Our daughter Nicola also helps out a lot. It's a real family home here."

Nadine had both her kidneys removed in 2007 and spent nine months on dialysis before being given a transplant.

Adele said: "The kidney belonged to an adult, so it was quite big for her body and they had to move her insides around to fit it in."

"After the transplant operation, her muscle came out of the wound, and another time her intestines, so she ended up having three lots of surgery."

"It was very scary for her and she still has nightmares."

Medication

Nadine, who still needs constant medical care, is fed fluids and medication through a tube in her nose.

She must have three litres of liquids a day and every 30 minutes her parents give her the vital fluids she needs.

But the youngster is ready to inspire others in the British Transplant Games, competing against others in the 25-metre dash, obstacle race and ball-throwing competition.

Adele said: "It's hard work at times, but it's definitely all worth it."

• To register as a donor, visit www.uktransplant.org.uk/ukt/howtobecomeadonor.jsp, or for information about fostering, log on to www.kentfostering.com.

• To make a donation to the Evelina Children's Hospital, visit www.gsttcharity.org.uk.

French fields to host mini rugby

PUPILS at primary schools across the district are training hard for the European Mini Rugby Tournament in France on Friday.

The youngsters will be contesting the titles won last year by Warden House School in Deal at the 2008 mini rugby tournament organised by the Pas-de-Calais Sports Union of Physical Education.

Following the successful tour by Warden House School last year it was decided to open the event to all schools in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

As schools in England do not play contact rugby for under-11s, training was undertaken at Castle Community School in partnership with Dover District School Sports Partnership and Dover and Deal and Betteshanger rugby clubs.

More than 70 pupils took part in these sessions, from which 48 were selected to take part in the tournament in Calais.

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Volunteers' efforts earn civic award

SIX volunteers from Dover have been honoured by the Mayor of Dover for their work in the community.

Among those recognised at the civic award event was Joyce Banks, who helps people across the world seek out long-lost relatives.

She also assists with the Dover War Memorial Project.

Others commended include Roy Lacy, who helped set up a diabetic charity and helps people through the RAFA Wings Appeal, and Dover Carnival Association chairman Mandie Sehmbi, who was recognised for her continuous efforts in the community.

Val McLester was presented with an award for her voluntary dedication to the Pegasus Playscheme Committee as vice-chair and treasurer, and Stephanie Perrow for her work with Dover's homeless people in setting up a soup kitchen which has been running for the past 18 years.

Well-known Dovorians Terry Sutton was also among those to be commended by the mayor.

He was honoured for his work in the community, including his role as vice-chair for the Dover Society and board member on the town centre management, as well as his service to Rotary.

Parties call upon the public to make votes count on election day

PEOPLE across Dover are being urged to cast their votes in tomorrow's county, parish and town council elections.

Voters can visit polling stations from 7am until 10pm tomorrow (Thursday) to have a say on who they think should be elected on to Kent County Council.

A total of 23 candidates in the district are competing for the seven seats which represent the five areas of Deal, Dover North, Dover Town, Dover West and Sandwich.

An election for the parish of Eythorne is also taking place after members were stripped of their titles following an administrative error earlier this year. Ten seats are up for grabs.

Votes for the European Parliament are also being sought, with 133 candidates from 15 parties battling for the ten seats that make up the South East region.

Tony Sansum, from Dover, is fighting to become an MEP for The Jury Party, which vows to bring democracy, accountability and transparency into politics.

There will also be an election for

two seats on Deal Town Council, after two members resigned over a damning audit report, and one for Worth Parish Council.

County, town and parish votes will be counted on Friday, June 5, with results expected around mid-afternoon.

Votes for the European Parliament will be counted on Sunday evening, with a local result expected at about 9pm.

For KCC, fighting for the two Dover Town seats are current elected Labour members Gordon Cowan and Bill Newman, Tories Nigel Collor and Roger Frayne and Liberal Democrats Dean Stiles and John Mackie.

For the Dover West seat, current elected Conservative member Bryan Cope is battling against Labour's Pam Brivio, UKIP's John Buckley and Liberal Democrat Peter Lodge.

Labour's Eileen Rowbotham is being challenged for the Dover North seat by Reg Hansell of the Independents Party of Dover District, Steve Manion for the Conservatives and Liberal Democrat Sheila Smith.

• Further details of all the candidates are available at www.yourdover.co.uk.

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The finishing line

DOVER District Sports Council has been wound up after 37 years.

The decision to call time was announced at the annual meeting after a vote by members. Reasons for the decision include poor attendance and the increased involvement of Dover District Council, which has taken over the distribution of grant aid money.

Harry Croxton, who has been chairman of the sports council for 22 years, said the most sensible option was to wind it up altogether.

"The district council has taken over the allocation and distribution of grant aid money, which leaves the sports council without a specific role," he said.

"It's sad, but attendances at meetings have been poor for some time now.

"I would like to thank all the officers and members of the council, past and present, who have given their time voluntarily over the past 37 years in support of sports clubs and individuals in the Dover district."

Offender trapped

A HIGH-risk sex offender has been detained by a PCSO in Sandwich after being found sleeping rough.

The 30-year-old man, who has five convictions for sexual assaults on boys aged under 14, was wanted by Lancashire Police for alleged outstanding offences.

PCSO Ian Norton found he was sleeping rough in the Sandwich Bay estate and detained him before he was arrested and transferred back to Lancashire.

Acting Detective Chief Inspector John Holl said: "PCSO Norton's actions are evidence of the value of PCSOs and the part they play in preventing and detecting crime through local knowledge and networks of contacts.

"His actions have undoubtedly made Sandwich a safer place."

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Drama off the Kingsdown coast.
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Village hall's future will be decided by residents' poll

KINGSDOWN residents will go to the polls to decide the future of their village hall.

A free vote is being organised on whether to upgrade the building or demolish it and build a new eco-friendly one.

It will take place in the hall itself, which will be open from 8am until 5pm on Saturday, June 13. Members of the parish council who live in nearby Ringwould will then count the votes and act as impartial overseers.

Parish councillor Doreen Clark said the vote would show "local democracy in action".

She said: "We all thought it was the fairest way and would allow everyone to have a say. We are even making provision for postal

■ BY NICK AMES

voting for those who will be away on the day."

There are two options for the future of the hall. The first is to refurbish the 140-year-old Upper Street building. The second is to demolish it and sell the land. A new hall would then be built on the site of the village school, which would be as environmentally friendly as possible. Moves to improve the hall have been under consideration for the last decade.

In that time the parish council has collected £100,000, which would be matched by Kent County Council. If the green alternative is chosen, grants from other sources could raise the total figure to about £500,000.

Cllr Clark said: "I would like to see us go for the environmentally-friendly option. However, we will abide by the majority decision.

"I first raised the idea of moving on to the school grounds 10 years ago, but at the time some of the governors were not in favour. But the head-teacher has expressed approval, so it is back in place.

"I think a building with solar panels and using collected rainwater to flush the toilets would be excellent. A new centre would do so much for the village and be the focal point of so many activities."

The hall is used by Scout and youth groups, which would also benefit. The vote is open to anyone aged 18 or over who is a resident of Kingsdown.



The largest fast-ferry ever to operate on the cross-Channel routes will be running its first passenger trip on Saturday. LD Lines's new catamaran Norman Arrow arrived in Dover after a three-week voyage from Tasmania.

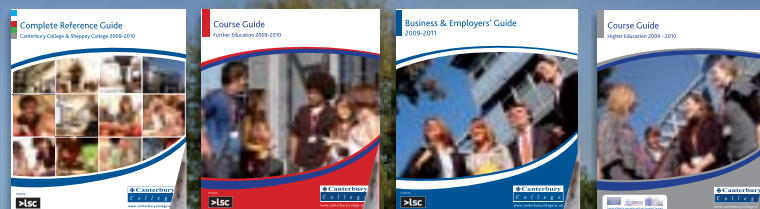
She left for the UK on Saturday, May 2, and her journey included calls at Fremantle in Australia, Port Victoria in the Seychelles and Valetta, Malta, from where she departed on Sunday, May 24.

Norman Arrow is the world's largest diesel-powered catamaran and will also be the first-ever freight-carrying high-speed vessel to operate across the Dover Strait. All types of tourist traffic will also be carried, including cars, caravans, motorhomes, motorcycles, coaches and foot passengers.

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EMPIRE'S END: The massive flint walls were not all that was left behind as the Romans retreated from Britain

A last throw of Roman dice as empire waned

RECREATED board games as played by the Romans have gone on display at Richborough Fort, near Sandwich.

They have been put together by historians to show how the centurions who invaded Britain 2,000 years ago would have amused themselves – and are available for visitors to try for themselves.

The soldiers of the invading legions were keen gamblers and made their garrison duties in the fort along what is called the Saxon Shore less tedious by playing games involving counters and dice.

Recently the fragments of a dice tower were discovered at Richborough and these were taken away for analysis. Experts have now recreated the tower and it can be used to throw modern dice – with no chance of cheating.

English Heritage's John Grigsby shows visitors around the museum at the fort.

He said: "The Romans loved to gamble – it was one way of passing the time. The dice tower removes all chance of cheating by sleight of hand.

"The dice are dropped into the top of the small tower, which has three sloping boards inside.

"They then emerge at the base in a purely random way."

Only a small number of the towers have ever been discovered. One was in Egypt and another was found in Germany.

This had the inscription: "The Picts are conquered, the enemy destroyed. Now play in peace – take your chance, fortunate one. May you live well."

Other games on display include early

■ BY NICK AMES

equivalents of draughts and backgammon. The invasion of Britain in AD43 was led by Autus Plautius with an army of some 50,000 men, who established a base at Richborough.

As the conquest of Britain advanced, it soon became an important naval supply base, as evidenced by the laying of new roads and the erection of timber buildings, believed to be storehouses.

By AD85 the site was to undergo a substantial change. The central timber buildings were demolished and a monumental four-way arch was constructed, the walkways beneath which formed the shape of a large cross that can still be seen today.

Bronze and white marble fragments found at the site indicate the archway would also have been quite ornate and would have probably symbolised the entry into the province of Britain through what had now become its main sea port.

As Richborough's status grew, so did the settlement around it.

However, towards the middle of the 3rd century, military considerations had again come to the fore.

Many of the central buildings were demolished and the central monument was ringed with a series of triple ditches, suggesting that this had become a lookout tower.

Surrounding it were the massive walls with their corner towers, which were up to 11ft thick in places, surrounded by a double ditch.

They are the most impressive part of the ruins as seen today and remain much as they looked after the Romans pulled out of Britain as their empire fragmented.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Macmillan pair praised

TWO volunteers from Macmillan's Deal and Walmer committee have been commended for their contribution to the charity.

Treasurer Elizabeth Cole was presented with a platinum award for her 30 years' service, while Barbara Williams was honoured with the Richard Hambro award for exceptional leadership.

The honour is named after Macmillan's deputy president and chairman and is given to volunteers who lead or manage groups to an exceptional standard, inspiring them to achieve outstanding success.

Grant Chapman, area fund-raising manager, said: "Elizabeth and Barbara's achievements are fantastic and awards like this are a token of our gratitude. Without people like them, we wouldn't be able to reach as many people affected by cancer."

To volunteer, phone 01622 600050, or email lthornton@macmillan.org.uk.

Peerless festival of arts

A WORK celebrating Deal Pier will form part of the town's Festival of Music and Arts, which runs from July 4-19.

It will include the broadcast of a collection of natural sounds from on and around the pier.

The festival also includes sculpture, pictures, photos and other art and is aimed at bringing culture to the young. Classical music and dance from around the world will feature.

The project has been boosted by a grant of £6,290 from Bridging The Gap, the Coalfield Regeneration Trust initiative in partnership with Dover District Council.

Parking bonus for drivers

FREE parking is on offer in some of Dover District Council's car parks.

Parking will be free from 4pm-6pm, until November 29, in car parks at Pencester Road, Camden Crescent, Albany Place, Stembrook, Priory Road and Maison Dieu.

The temporary reduction in charging hours represents the VAT reduction in parking charges in Dover.

Ben Bano, Labour group leader, said: "I'm glad the district will benefit from a change in the hours for which parking is chargeable."

He said a reduction in the hourly charge should still be considered.

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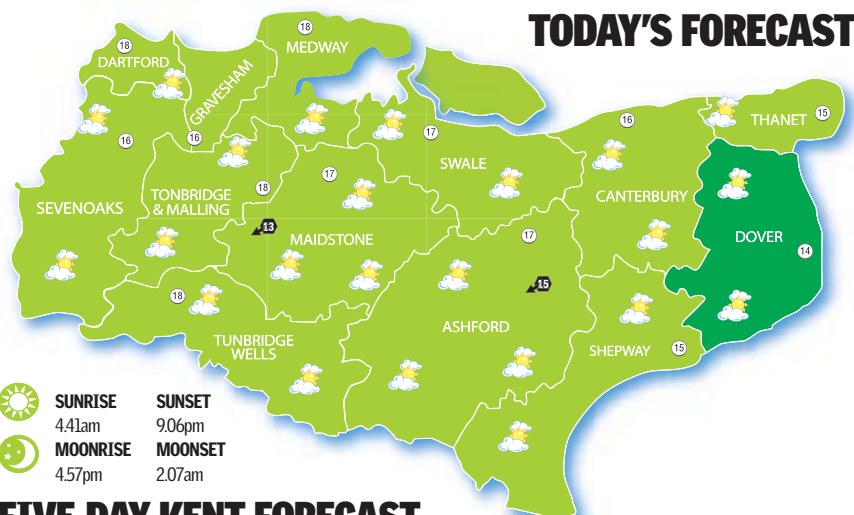


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Getting tough on antisocial crime

TOUGHER action needs to be taken on low-level criminals who daub graffiti and drop litter, according to the Channel coast's senior police chief.

Chief Superintendent Chris Hogben revealed the South Kent area – which covers Shepway, Dover and Ashford – had recorded 1,600 fewer offences in the year up to April 1, but he said parents and teachers needed to play a bigger role to help stop the antisocial behaviour that could often lead to more serious offences.

He said: "Parents need to teach their kids that everything costs money and it might be the wall of the local library or wherever else, but the council pays for that. You and I, and all the readers of this paper, contribute to those sorts of costs through our taxes.

"We need to start enforcing basic standards. What you're going to see this year is action taken against people who do those sorts of things."

Detection

Chief Supt Hogben, who was appointed last year, also revealed that detection rates had gone up to 32.4 per cent, compared with 27 per cent in September, and there were now fewer than two-and-a-half burglaries a day across the three districts, a reduction of 5.6 per cent.

Violent offences, hate crime and criminal damage have also gone down.

However, he added: "What you tend to see in a recession is a rise in things like shoplifting. Although we're not experiencing this at the moment, domestic violence also goes up because financial issues put more strains on relationships.

"What you don't see so much of is the street-related violence, because of course people can't afford to go out."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

PETER CARROLL



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I'm 48 years old and married to Lynne. I own a road transport company based in Maidstone. However, I've had a very varied career: I started as a research scientist and then served as an officer in the RAF for six years. I ran a software company until moving into the family road transport business in 1992. I am a Liberal Democrat.

Q How did you get involved in the Gurkha Justice Campaign?

A In 2004, four retired Gurkhas arrived at my home to say that one of their colleagues was being deported. This was a jaw-dropping moment for me. I had no idea that at the time all retired Gurkhas had to go back to Nepal. From that moment, I vowed to help them. I helped forge them into a campaigning force.

Later that year, the Blair Government announced a major change in policy and said that Gurkhas who retired after 1997 could stay in Britain. While a very good move, this led to the terrible situation that Gurkhas who retired before 1997 could not stay – this included veterans of the first Gulf War, the Falklands and other conflicts.

Q What does this new announcement by the Government mean for all retired Gurkhas?

A This new policy will change lives profoundly and in a wonderful way. It means that

thousands of very brave and loyal British Army Gurkhas who have been excluded from living in Britain can now do so. For them and their families it gives access to a better life.

Q How crucial a role has Joanna Lumley played in the campaign?

A Her fame and her wonderful way of reaching out to people and her ability to communicate via the media meant the campaign gained a massive amount of momentum. With Joanna at the head, we were able to apply a degree of political pressure which had eluded us before her involvement.

Q Do you believe all foreign soldiers who fought on behalf of the UK should have the right to settle here?

A Yes I do. Indeed, soldiers from Commonwealth countries have had the right to settlement in the UK after four years for a very significant period. The central plank of our campaign was simply to ask for parity with these soldiers. We were never asking for anything special – just parity with Commonwealth soldiers.

Q How significant a decision do you believe this is in the history of our Parliament and Armed Forces?

A This decision is profoundly significant. A public campaign has forced an unwilling Government to do the 'right thing'. The vote in Parliament was crucial. In that vote, MPs of all sides worked together to defeat the Govern-

ment on an Opposition Day motion. I believe the last time that happened was in the mid 1970s. The Gurkha issue has helped bring to the fore the very important concept of the Military Covenant for all our soldiers. That covenant sets out that in return for the risks they take, members of the Armed Forces should expect to be well treated and respected.

Q Is there a next step for the campaign, or have you reached the pinnacle?

A No, this campaign is over. Usually, campaigns either only succeed in increasing awareness of an issue or in getting a compromise. In this case, the campaign has been won.

Q What do you believe the future holds for this Labour Government?

A I feel that it is in severe trouble. It is as if the public mood has shifted against it and it is struggling to become positive again. I think its difficulties can best be demonstrated by how it has reacted to our campaign. Blair's was the first Government to do something positive for the Gurkhas when it allowed post-1997 retirees to stay in this country. Gordon Brown has now built on this with his decision to let all retired Gurkhas stay. However, despite all that good work, many feel the Government has been dragged kicking and screaming to this point. Hence, the public has a negative view of its actions when, in fact, it has done more than any other.

Q & A

James Alexandre talks to Peter Carroll, founder of the Gurkha Justice Campaign, which succeeded in winning residency rights for all Gurkha veterans, about the early days and where we go from here



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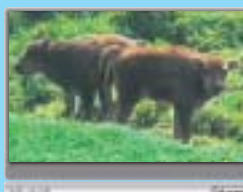




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Pictures: JOHN KEMP

MIGRATION: Painted Ladies are arriving to our shores in massive numbers

Reader's letter flew in

READER John Kemp from Whitstable contacted us after taking pictures of the visitors.

He said: "There has been a massive influx of Painted Lady butterflies into Britain in the past week. I saw 13 at one time in my garden in Whitstable, and I have also seen them in Chestfield.

"They have been reported from Grove Ferry, Sandwich Bay, West to Devon: sometimes in large numbers - more than 2,200 were counted at Dungeness. This

attractive butterfly is fairly common, but very variable in numbers, being an irruptive migrant from North Africa and southern Europe - it can not survive our winters.

"It is, however, an extremely adventurous migrant and strong flier, being the only butterfly ever found in Iceland. I attach a photo, taken yesterday in my garden, where they were sipping nectar from our perennial wallflowers.

"Here are some pictures."

A MASSIVE number of distinctive Painted Lady butterflies has been arriving in the county after an amazing 1,000-mile migration from North Africa.

In a space of about 45 minutes, conservationists counted nearly 3,000 of the butterflies at one location in Kent, which they called "quite incredible".

The charity Butterfly Conservation has been receiving reports since the start of last week of sightings of large numbers of these fast-flying butterflies, which have orange, black and white-spotted wings, moving overhead for hours on end. They say this could be one of the largest Painted Lady migrations in decades.

The first indication of their arrival in Britain came when Butterfly Conservation members first reported seeing large numbers along the south coast.

Since then, thousands have been seen flying in a northerly direction.

Scientists have been predicting an unusually large migration since late winter.

■ BY NICK AMES

The butterflies originate from the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, where heavy winter rains allowed good germination of the caterpillar food-plants.

A Spanish researcher, Constanti Stefanescu, had reported seeing hundreds of thousands emerging in mid February and beginning their long flight north.

They were seen in large numbers in Spain during April and a few weeks later in France.

Now they have arrived in the southern part of the UK with sightings as far north as East Anglia being reported.

Butterfly Conservation is asking for the public's help to track the migration by recording any sightings at www.butterfly-conservation.org/migrantwatch.

Richard Fox, surveys manager, said: "There are literally millions of Painted Lady butterflies arriving right across Britain.

"This is a spectacular phenomenon and we are asking people to send us their sightings via our website".



SWITCHED ON: The Duke of Kent turns on Haver Castle's energy-efficient biomass boiler

Boleyn castle boiler is ahead of the rest

THE Duke of Kent was in the county this week to reveal a new greener Haver Castle. The 12th-century tourist attraction is famous for being the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

But it has now adopted a 21st century approach to becoming more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

The Duke officially switched on Haver's energy efficient biomass boiler, which replaces the old inefficient oil-fired and LPG boilers with a new 650KW woodchip boiler.

This uses woodchip waste from local sawmills to create heating and hot water for the castle, the Moat Restaurant, the Haver Shop and even 14 residential properties locally.

It is thanks to a £139,000 grant from the Department of Energy and Climatic Change, plus a £100,000 Carbon Trust loan, along with an estate investment of £460,000.

Now 80 per cent of the castle's hot water and heating requirements will become renewable, saving approximately 390 tonnes of carbon dioxide in emissions a year.

The woodchip fuel is made locally from sawmill waste and low-grade timber, and will include timber from the Haver estate.

With haulage being carried out by local contractors, Haver Castle is minimising transport miles and diverting money originally spent on fossil fuels into the local community.

Duncan Leslie, chief executive of Haver Castle, said: "We're making a commitment to being greener while, at the same time, reducing fuel bills.

"We're making the castle as energy self-sufficient as possible without spoiling the attraction."

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Happy diners give glowing approval to local champion

Neill Barston visits The Mulberry Tree, which has just tucked another award under its belt

TUCKED away in the leafy surroundings of Boughton Monchelsea, The Mulberry Tree has been named as the Good Food Guide readers' favourite restaurant in the South East.

The accolade is all the more impressive given the fact the Hermitage Lane venue, which was completely revamped from a down-at heel pub two years ago, has yet to appear in the prestigious national culinary guide.

Needless to say, the team at the restaurant were over the moon at the award, which comes in the wake of its recognition with a Produced In Kent Taste of Kent Award.

Karen Williams, The Mulberry Tree's front of house manager said: "This has made all the hard work pay off, it's fantastic for us. We had originally tried just having snack food available here at the venue, but that just didn't work. So we looked at what people really wanted and it's great that we have an award that has been gained by customers writing in."

She added that head chef Alan Irwin has been instrumental in the restaurant's success. The post is his first senior role, having previously worked as part of the team at Michelin starred venue Chapter One in Bromley.

The restaurant's contemporary styling and menu has been a big hit with customers, who have valued its philosophy of ensuring its food is sourced from Kent.

Its seasonal specials, ranging from fish caught off the county's coast, locally reared meat, and fresh vegetables from its own garden supplies have made it a sought-after evening venue. The restaurant also serves a continually evolving lunch menu that's suitable for both meat eaters and vegetarians.

There is a full selection of beers available from its bar, which also stocks a varied range of Kentish wines which can be enjoyed in its terrace garden.

More than 23,000 people voted in The Good Food Guide's



annual readers' Restaurant of the Year award, which recognises excellence and good service at independently owned restaurants, pubs and cafés across the UK.

The public were invited to nominate their favourite independently-owned and run restaurant, pub or café in their region, preferably one that offers regional dishes and/or seeks out local producers. They could nominate online or submit a postcard that was available from restaurants.

The Mulberry Tree now joins nine other regional winners to compete for the overall Restaurant of the Year title, which will be awarded on June 9, at a ceremony to be held at the British Museum.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of The Good Food Guide believed there had been some strong competition for this year's awards.

She said: "All of the restaurants that made it on to this year's shortlist should be really proud of the show of support they've received from their customers."

"The Mulberry Tree isn't the easiest place to find, but persevere. Alan Irwin's cooking is heroically seasonal, based on first-class local produce."

For more information visit www.themulberrytreekent.co.uk or phone 01622 749082 or 01622 741058. For more details on the awards, visit www.which.co.uk/awards.



Take a bite of the cherry during weekend festival

A CELEBRATION of Kent's longstanding production of cherries is being held at Brogdale Farm in Faversham.

The Cherry Festival event, which takes place on the weekend of July 11-12, will offer more than 50 varieties for visitors to try at their leisure as they take in the national fruit collection, which features a total of more than 3,500 fruit varieties including apples, pears, plums, nuts and cherry varieties on site.

Sally Roger, of Brogdale Collection said: "Cherries are so tasty and buying locally when they are in season does make a huge difference to the taste. A visit to Brogdale is a unique experience."

The farm offers a great day out for the family in offering a wide range of fresh local produce at its market-place.

For more about the collection and the Cherry Festival visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk

Celebration is brewing to help mark first Forces day

ONE of Kent's most innovative ale producers, The Nelson Brewery, is creating a special beer to mark the first Armed Forces Day taking place in Medway.

The Chatham Historic Dockyard-based company is hard at work putting the finishing touches to its brew, which will be released in time to coincide with the massive military event on Saturday, June 27.

Piers MacDonald, of the Nelson Brewery, commented: "This is going to be a really important event for us and the whole of Medway and we're glad to be a part of it."

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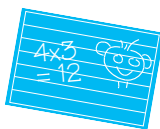
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College gym is a wheely good price for fitness



YOU SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND: South Kent College gym Fitness zone has expanded and is offering £14 memberships

SOUTH Kent College students have the opportunity to get in to shape while staying on a budget, thanks to the expansion of its gym.

After a successful opening in the New Year, the college's Fitness Zone has been able to buy eight new spin-bikes and offer extra classes for anyone wanting to be fit in time for summer.

Currently membership for the gym, based at the Folkestone campus in Shorncliffe Road, is £14 a month, or £4 a session. With the inclusion of the exercise classes, the fee is £28 a month.

The Government's policy is to offer three hours of sports activities to teenagers each week, and the college believes the greater the uptake the more people will benefit, especially given the recession-beating price.

Membership has also been extended to both staff and the wider public.

Newcomers to spin can now take part in classes each day of the week: Mondays from 6pm-6.45pm, Wednesdays 5.45pm-6.30pm and Thursdays 7.15pm-8pm. For early risers who may be going to work afterwards, there are classes on Thursdays running from 6.30am-7.15am and Fridays 6.30am-7.30am.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

On Sundays, spin is at 11.15am-midday after Cardio attack from 10am-11am. For the older exerciser, the Mature Movers class is on Fridays from 11.30am-12.30pm.

Yoga takes place on Tuesdays from 5.15pm-6.30pm and Pilates on Wednesdays at 6.30pm-7.30pm, Saturdays from 10-11am and after Fight Club from 9.15am-10am. For the more tenacious, the Combat class is on Thursdays from 6pm-7pm.

All the features from a top-class gym are on offer, ranging from a cardiovascular suite with climbing, running and rowing machines to a weights area and a spacious aerobic studio with personal training available.

The Fitness Zone is open to people of all ages and levels of fitness, with an arranged induction included in the membership fee.

To find out more about joining, phone 07843 175480 – all calls are returned. Two passport photos will be needed for the first visit; for more details go to www.southkent.ac.uk/fitnesszone.

South Kent College also has campuses in Maison Dieu Road, Dover, and Jemmett Road, Ashford.

BREAK TIME

Academy takes a big step in to town

THE Bigfoot Drama Academy has launched in Folkestone, offering performance classes for children aged seven to 12 during term-time.

Having first started in Deal three years ago, the academy has since been branching out at schools across Shepway over the last 12 months, including St Martins, Seabrook, Hythe Bay, Stella Maris and St Augustine's.

They currently hold out-of-school clubs at Lympne and have just worked with St Peters and Find Your Talent for their Art In The Heart Festival.

The academy classes run over ten-week cycles, giving the chance for members to build their skills while offering spaces for new students.

The focus of BDA is on using 'organic theatre' methods, creating performances based on children's own ideas and not on other people's scripts.

Alongside the chance to perform in the end-of-term shows, children will also learn about teamwork, respect for others, structuring stories, developing ideas

and how to use their imaginations, while gaining confidence and social skills.

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Do we really care who is in Channel Four's house of wannabe celebs?

Who'll be the next entrants into Big Brother's little hall of infamy?

WITH the start of yet another series of Big Brother tomorrow, who can forget the great characters to whom we have been introduced via the original TV 'reality' show?

Victor, alias the milkman, because he always delivers; Nasty Nick, so-called because he was nasty; wannabe Chanelle, who idolises Victoria Beckham... and all the rest.

You remember them, the stupid posh blonde one who used an offensive racial term, the nurse from Nigeria who said she faced death if she returned to Africa because her TV character was so unappealing.

What were they called again?

Oh yes, Emily and Makosi.

There, you see – legends all.

Just as is Science the rapper, who so memorably stated: "I live in da ghetto – wiv me mum!"

It's actually 50 years since the novel 1984 by George Orwell was published and the term Big Brother with its overtones of 24-7 surveillance was introduced to the world.

And what better way to remember that critique of authoritarianism and warning against an all-powerful state out to stamp a boot on the human face forever than watching a load of idiots cavorting in a make-believe house?

I mean, what have the victims of the thought police and those tortured in the Ministry of Love got compared with the housemates of Big Brother Seven?

Shahbaz threatened to commit suicide. Lea suffered from issues over her body. Nikki had anorexia. Glyn was Welsh! So was Imogen!

It surely doesn't get any worse than that.

Except – the truly awesome fight night of Big Brother Five. Compared with that, the retreat from Moscow was a stroll in the snow.

Victor was at the centre of it all and you can't keep a good milkman down, as the saying goes. The kid from the ghetto had just about had it with gobby Emma and the fact that he was dressed as a clown didn't hold him back.

Live TV coverage was cut as the so-called battling pair were pulled apart by security guards.

Self-proclaimed gangsta Victor – aka Mr Slick because of his way wiv da ladeez –

flipped a table over before hurling a platter at her head.

Threats to kill then came from the lips of the man also called Mr Marmite as people either loved him or hated him – to the shock of Channel 4, which tried to involve the police.

It didn't end there as Big Vic and fellow 'Jungle Cat' Jason continued the row.

And there was even more aggro two series later as Grace hurled a glass of water quite near to Susie as she left the house.

The violence even spilled over into the real world.

"Centre of attention" Grace was attacked as she left the G.A.Y. club in London's Astoria and the "party girl" hurt her foot.

How real is that?

Yes, it doesn't get any bigger than Big Brother – and it lasts all summer (although it will seem like for the next decade).

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TALK TIME

BRIAN POWELL

The assistant provincial grand master of the Freemasons in east Kent talks about the organisation's charitable work



What is your position in the masons and what does it involve?

I am an assistant provincial grand master, which is a grand title but basically means I am part of the team which organises Freemasonry in east Kent. There are a lot of myths about Freemasonry and many people think Freemasons only help each other. Nothing could be further from the truth. Freemasons raise millions to help others through charities, locally, nationally and internationally. For example, in the last few years the Freemasons' grand charity has donated more than £7 million to the hospice movement in the UK.

What is your favourite thing about being part of the Freemasons?

I would say the best part, as with lots of other societies, is the camaraderie. We learn through our involvement in Freemasonry to treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. It is not a religious organisation and is open to all faiths – so long as the candidate has a belief in a supreme being.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy walking. With my son, David, I have completed the Pennine Way, Hadrian's Wall, the Ring of Kerry and many other organised walks, mostly to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust and other charities. I like sailing and have a yacht which I sail as often as possible in the beautiful and relaxing Norfolk Broads. I also enjoy flying light aircraft and have had a private pilot's licence for 30 years.

YOUR LETTERS

The party's over

I urge everyone to vote in tomorrow's (Thursday) local and Euro elections.

But please don't simply vote for someone because they're sporting a particular rosette.

The colour of a rosette doesn't denote any qualification for doing the job. Everyone should vote for the best person to represent their ward or town, irrespective of party.

Read the personal manifestos pushed through your letterbox.

If a candidate hasn't produced a personal manifesto or is relying on party leaflets, they might not have a mind of their own or the courage to stand up and be counted.

Voting by party is not how our democracy was meant to work and doesn't guarantee the best representation.

Andy Maple
Deal

Blue-sky thinking

What an excellent idea from the Conservatives that during the run-up to the next general election people with no prior involvement with the party will be able to apply to stand as candidates for Parliament.

This could mean people with a bit of vision and drive will be encouraged to take part in the process, rather than those who have dedicated years of their life to one party and become stale and moribund, without ideas.

It is this sort of approach that



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led to Barack Obama becoming president of the USA.

So, I say hats off for a bit of blue-sky thinking.

Mike Brogan
by email

Why I'm banking on St George's Day

Regarding the issue of bank holidays, surely any new date

must be a holiday for St George's Day. On or around April 23 would be fine – a bit close to May 1, but who cares?

The start of spring and a national day of celebration – who could ask for more?

Phillipa Hughes
by email

EU protest votes are nonsensical

Has anyone else thought it ridiculous that anti-EU parties want people to vote for them so they can boycott the European Parliament?

Why on Earth should anyone put their cross against someone so they can sit at home and do nothing while no doubt claiming a salary and expenses?

That's not a protest vote – it's a nonsense.

Ian Bower
by email

Gills did the county proud at Wembley

It was great to see how well the Gills played at Wembley – how they never stopped going and won so close to the final whistle.

With so many sides with great traditions up against them next season, maybe it is hoping too much for them to repeat the success enjoyed during the last campaign.

But fans have a whole summer to anticipate what's going to happen. Roll on August – and hopefully a few of those who went to Wembley be at Priestfield.

Brian Travers
by email

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Holiday story was bit of a Turkey

I was pleased to read a pleasant report of Sunsail Club Javelin in last week's Yourmaidstone – it brought back fond memories of my friend 'Spliff'.

Last summer I worked as a sailing instructor at Club Javelin for four months and had an excellent time.

However, Sunsail has now closed its Turkish clubs (including Javelin) due to an incident concerning work visas at the end of October 2008.

Joseph Macgregor
by email

Editor's reply: Dear Mr Macgregor, thanks for letting us know about this development. We have had calls about this from readers of other midweek papers across Kent.

Our holiday features are supplied to us by the Press Association and so ran the article in good faith.

I have sent your comment to PA and hopefully this error on their behalf will not happen again, but we would like to apologise for any inconvenience to our readers.

Stop people paying with their careers

Our Government is hell-bent on cutting jobs in every part of Kent.

All of Kent's councils appear to be contemplating redundancies:

nationwide 7,000 local government jobs have gone already, with 14,000 more expected over the next 12 months.

More than 100 of our UK universities are planning to cut staff, too.

And if this was not bad enough, Government capping of university places will close the doors to about 30,000 eligible students this summer. Hasn't the Government heard of this country's massive skills shortages?

Work that could be done to insulate homes, cut energy wastage and fuel poverty and put solar water heating and solar panels in our schools and hospitals is not being done, condemning construction workers to enforced unemployment.

Yes, a recession is difficult, but there are plenty of areas of public spending occurring in Kent and Medway that we do not need.

Subsidies to chemical-based agriculture should be brought to an end; new major road-building should be stopped; subsidised public private partnerships to build new schools should be cut in favour of cheaper direct public spending on such projects; public spending on planning for large-scale lorry-parking and warehousing developments like China Gateway, the Kent International Gateway project and a similar project at Borough Green could all cease with a clear Government rejection of these unsustainable projects.

We're not a poor country. But we are poorly led, and people are paying with their jobs for the

Government's combined failures to lead or to prioritise for the future.

Dr Hazel Dawe
Kent Green Party,

You can help plant a happier community

National Volunteers Week started on Monday, which is a week of celebration and recognition for the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who help to make Britain better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this underground army and, in particular, a dedicated band of horticultural heroes – the RHS Britain in Bloom and Neighbourhood Award volunteers. Their muddy hands and green fingers turn concrete jungles into lush green places, while their enthusiasm creates environments in which people can flourish.

Gardening really is a tool that brings communities together.

The stories I have heard from the Britain in Bloom volunteers all ring true with the same messages – that, through gardening, friendships have been made, neighbours have reconnected with each other and antisocial behaviour has been cut.

If you feel, as I do, that gardening plays a vital role in benefiting society and the world in which we live, and you would like to volunteer, please visit www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloom.

Charlie Dimmock
TV presenter and gardener

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Saturday, June 6, to

Saturday, June 20

Various venues, Medway

FANS of the weird and wacky will be in their element as this year's Fuse Medway Festival gets under way.

During this 15-day celebration of art and creativity, a dazzling array of dance, theatre, music and other entertainment will be on offer to inspire and intrigue spectators. New shows will be joining the programme this year to make the festival even more exciting, diverse and colourful than before.

Shoppers in Chatham High Street will know the festival has opened this Saturday when they find themselves sharing the pavement with jugglers, balloon artists and two Oxbridge undergraduates in a boat. Artizani will be punting down the street while the amazing Insect Circus Museum astounds people with its tame wasps, charmed worms and dancing snails.

If a pillow fight in the street is not entertaining enough, a stunning carnival will leave the New Art Centre in the evening and parade to Chatham riverside where dancers and musicians will showcase Indian music and melodies, followed by a firework display.

On Saturday, June 13, it will be Rochester High Street's turn to feel the groove on a day that is all about movement. Indian dance troupe Akademi, Medway's Loop Dance Company, award-winning 4x4 Bhangra Group and the Floor Crusaders will be showing off amazing skills that will captivate their audience.

Witness the art of parkour when Ashley Spider demonstrates his free running technique, while Dizzy O'Dare presents some breathtaking tightwire and circus stunts. Aspiring dancers will have the chance to try out some steps in a number of workshops with the professionals.

Rochester Castle Gardens will be the setting for a macabre stilt dance



FUSE FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS:

Aerial dance display Loved Up, above, and right, a dancer from Indian troupe Akademi

based on the Danza Antigua Festival of the living dead and Loved Up, an aerial dance display.

Shoppers will meet a variety of interesting characters in Gillingham High Street on Saturday, June 20, as fantastic street performers arrive in their midst. Frolicked Puppet Theatre, the pint-sized Flying Buttresses and the Cockney Awkestra will all be making the shopping experience more interesting that day.

The festival draws to a close at Rochester Castle Gardens that evening with the amazing From The Inky Deep. This tightwire and aerial circus show will astonish the audience, while fire sculptures by Denis Tricot will light up the night sky.

Taking place at several new venues across the area, Fuse Medway Festival promises to be even more entertaining than last year. For full listings call 01634 338319 or go online at www.fusefestival.org.uk.

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The questions might be unforeseen but expect this evening in the company of the Australian-born writer, academic, broadcaster and journalist to be anything but dull. From poetry to politics, hunting and animal cruelty to sex and the over-60s – there are endless topics that could stimulate a lively and highly entertaining evening.

Renowned for her witty and candid style, Greer's



theories have been generating controversy for decades – ever since the publication of her first book, *The Female Eunuch*, in 1970, a bestseller which explored the nature of relationships between

men and women.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15.

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LETZ ZEP

Saturday, June 6
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



EXPERIENCE the live sound of Led Zeppelin when a top tribute band brings their music back to the stage.

Letz Zep is a critically acclaimed group that even wowed legendary Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant himself. The tribute act was invited to perform at the official launch party for Led Zeppelin's *Mother'ship* album in London, perhaps the ultimate confirmation of their talent.

From the classic songs *Stairway to Heaven* and *Rock & Roll*, a Letz Zep show covers the full range of music from the iconic rock band, faithfully recreating the sights and sounds of Led Zeppelin at their best.

Led Zeppelin was formed 40 years ago but continues to inspire new generations of musicians, reforming for a one-off concert at London's O2 arena in late 2007, with tickets selling out immediately.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50. To book visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call 0844 847 1776.



THE COMEDY CLUB

Thursday, June 4
Theatre Royal, Margate



SEE the funny side as The Comedy Club returns to Margate for another night of fun.

Stand-up comedian, improvisational actor, magician and all-round performer Danny Buckler will act as compere. Danny is the star of BBC1's *The Secrets of Magic*, Channel 4's *Danny Does Tricks* and Bravo's *Late Lounge*, while his stage work includes a sell-out West End show with Victoria Wood and Imelda Staunton.

BBC New Comedy Awards winner Andy White will be opening the show, demonstrating the funny faces, silly voices and brilliant humour that took him from a call centre to the comedy circuit. The headline act is Geoff Norcott (pictured), whose sharp one-liners have made him popular both on stage and on television. He is the main anchor on the WKD Sports Shed Show on Nuts TV, also appearing on ITV's *Five O' Clock Show* with Richard Hammond and *Weapons of Mass Distraction*.

The show, which is suitable for over-18s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £10. To book, call 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.



LIVE & LOUD

Beatles tribute concert helps Tanzania project

ENJOY the music of the Fab Four and raise money for charity with The Acoustic Beatles.

The concert at Table Table, Marin Court, Dover, will be held in aid of the Tanzania Developing World Project 2009 on Thursday. Admission is free but donations are requested. The performance starts at 8pm on Thursday. Phone 01304 218260 to reserve a table.

Celebrate King Henry at castle's merry event

HAVE fun in Tudor style with Dover Castle's history event this weekend.

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Enjoy a ticket to ride at vintage bus rally

BUS fans can enjoy free rides on vintage and open-top models at Dover Transport Museum on Sunday.

The White Cliffs Bus Rally takes place at the museum, at Whitfield, from 10.30am-4pm. There will be classic cars at both the museum and Eythorne station, with rides between the two.

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Rocking Pixies slug it out at high-volume gig

GET ready to rock out when the Slug Pixies perform in Dover this weekend.

Formed in 2002, the band's sound has been described as 'rock music for the hard of hearing'. Visit the website at www.slugpixies.co.uk

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■ BY TOM BETTS

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The firm are run by three industry experts, with insider Malissa Whitehouse – who has worked with a host of big names like Travis and George Michael – heading up the team's push for new Kent talent.

She said: "This project is our chance to give something back to the music scene in Kent and we are hoping to find some great acts to work with and help.

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With the process open to anyone who

feels they may be able to make an impact, bookings for the FREE auditions are being taken now.

Eventually the artists will form a database of talent, who could be put in touch with each other to share ideas or even perform together.

It could prove to be a hotbed of ideas and creativity with the facilities and technology to put down professional tracks at the Diverse studio in Biltong near Ashford already in place.

Working with Malissa are producer Lee Golledge, who specialises in rock, indie and alternative material and Tony Matthew, a for-

mer member of the Soul II Soul collective, key players in the British soul revival in the 80s who had massive hit records.

The two are highly accomplished musicians and will be on hand to offer their advice to those who join the process.

Songwriters and other performers will also be added to the database as it takes shape with the aim to keep it growing and expanding.

To apply for an audition spot email Malissa@popsessions.co.uk.

Include a brief description of who you are, what you do and a picture of yourself.



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A VERY BUBBLY PERSON

Very shy young lady, 24, brown hair and blue eyes, seeks caring and outgoing man for good times and socialising. Box 452300 **1**

MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **1**

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BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **1**

DESTINY CALLING

Hello all I'm 28, 5ft8, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male. Box 452305 **1**

ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834 **1**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756 **1**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lovely female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

SEEKING MR DARCY

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 **1**

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **1**

FIT FOR FUN

Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047 **1**

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoys cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

PERHAPS PERHAPS

Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-2-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385 **1**

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'6", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524 **1**

WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915 **1**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**



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Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010 **1**

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897363 **1**

ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED! Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **1**

THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring partner, for friendship. Box 152862 **1**

JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **1**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

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BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **1**

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTm fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107 **1**

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **1**

A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTm a genuine white male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **1**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 **1**

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **1**

COZY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **1**

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft2, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTm mixed race/black gent, to share good times with. Box 451819 **1**

A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in...looking for companionship and more. Box 880090 **1**

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? Box 446457 **1**

PROFESSIONAL

Fun bubbly sexy black female, 42, outgoing, positive, fun-loving, seeks charming male to have fun and enjoy life with. Box 451744 **1**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **1**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, good things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON! Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTm the right man for TLC. Box 880280 **1**

HEY BOYS

Single mum with two boys, 44, likes socialising and drinking, 80s and 70s music, seeks similar man for relationship. Box 452294 **1**

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to socialise, socialising, 80s and 70s music, seeks similar man for relationship. Box 451156 **1**

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 **1**

LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTm a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **1**

JOURNEY TOGETHER

Coy, shy, cheeky, loving black lady, 45, em a happy, caring person, loves drinks, films and music, looking for a man to complete me as I will him. Box 451721 **1**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic puns, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873 **1**

MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447366 **1**

BUBBLY

Brunette, 45, 5ft3, blue eyes, size 18, likes socialising and nights in, looking for a nice, honest and caring gent to share good times with. Box 447842 **1**

FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Box 448526 **1**

SOUND GOOD?

Good-looking blonde, 47, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **1**

HAPPY TIMES

46yr old brunette, 5ft1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122 **1**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366 **1**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, blue eyes, love country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **1**

I HAVE A DREAM

Blonde, bubbly curvy female, 59, looks younger, fun to be with, honest, seeks caring male to be his soulmate. GSOH. Box 883891 **1**

HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady, 60, 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812 **1**

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ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTm an honest, sincere, slim-medium build, a great relationship. Box 452108 **1**

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Hi I'm 37, new to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564 **1**

HOLLY'S SORT

Hello there, I'm looking for a kind, gentle partner, a homely woman, with GSOH, I'm female, 56 and enjoy cinema, reading, antiques, gardening, music. Box 451409 **1**

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Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?

Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **1**

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, I'm a happy, caring person, loves cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 442982 **1**

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in town, quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524 **1**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 417100 **1**

PUNNY GIRL

Petite blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for LTR. Kent. Box 835181 **1**

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young-looking, hard-working 39yr old, I am a happy, caring person, with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Box 883410 **1**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?!

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 **1**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **1**

DINE WITH ME

Hi, I'm Marianne, 50s, tall and blonde, extrovert, love travel, sports, restaurants, the good things in life, looking for a tall, solvent gent, 40-50. Box 452191 **1**

I'VE GOT THE GOLDEN TICKET

Christian female, 57, looking to meet a nice man with GSOH to go to the cinema and have fun with. Box 449225 **1**

DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **1**

SOMETHING NEW

Caring female with GSOH, 58, 5ft2, blonde hair/eyes, likes beach, theatre, holidays and music, WLTm male with GSOH, genuine, for friendship, maybe more. Box 447662 **1**

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ANGELS & DEMONS (12A)



Tom Hanks returns in Ron Howard's sequel to The Da Vinci Code. This jettisons the ponderous dialogue of its filmic predecessor in favour of a protracted game of cat and mouse around Rome.

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Teen heart-throbs Joe, Nick and Kevin delight their fans in this 3D film of last year's concert at Madison Square Gardens. Intercut with off-stage antics and footage of their hectic daily lives.

12 ROUNDS (12A)



The latest overblown adrenaline rush from director Renny Harlin sees wrestling star John Cena battle against a madman in a series of preposterous challenges as he bids to save his girlfriend's life.

Comedy duo promise a night to remember

BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PUT two comedy giants together in one room and even a pack of jaded journalists will soon be buzzing with anticipation at their imminent arrival.

Dictaphones are arranged, prime seats are fought over and hushed whispers reach fever pitch as Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller make their entrance.

Gervais, 47, and Stiller, 43, have amassed an impressive body of work between them.

As the co-creator of The Office, Gervais won unlikely empathy for the sadly-comedic character David Brent, and the plaudits the series received brought him huge success on both sides of the Atlantic.

His subsequent star pulling-power allowed him to secure unlikely cameos from the likes of Robert de Niro and Kate Winslet, who both willingly sent themselves up in his follow-up project, Extras.

Stiller meanwhile has been described as a "ringmaster who knows everybody in Hollywood" by his friend and co-star Hank Azaria, having been behind box office hits such as Meet The Parents, Dodgeball and Tropic Thunder.

The reason for the duo's joint appearance is to promote their latest cinematic pairing in comedy sequel Night At The Museum 2.

Back in the press room, a call for silence breaks into applause as the duo arrive.

Gervais, wearing black trousers, T-shirt and jacket, leads the way. He is closely followed by Stiller, who at around 5ft 6in, also wearing black and sporting impressively bouffant hair, makes Gervais look positively statuesque.

The premise of the Night At The Museum



DOUBLE ACT: Buddies Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller

movies revolves around the idea of museum exhibits coming to life once visitors have left.

Stiller reprises the role of Larry Daley, the former museum night guard at The Museum of Natural History who has now found success as an infomercial inventor.

The museum's assorted historical characters, played by the likes of Owen Wilson, Robin Williams and Steve Coogan, all reappear, along with a host of new faces, such as Amy Adams as Amelia Earhart and Azaria as an Egyptian pharaoh. Gervais, meanwhile, is back as Daley's boss, the oblivious Dr McPhee.

Stiller said: "We had to figure out a way to start the second movie, particularly as Larry was so happy at the end of the first one."

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"The idea that Larry had become successful and had all the problems that come with that took him away from his true happiness."

Both cast and crew wanted everything in the sequel to not only be bigger but better, so the action was moved to the world's largest museum, Washington's Smithsonian Institution.

While it meant an infinite amount of creative possibilities for the production team, it does beg the question whether there's now anywhere else the film franchise can go.

"I don't know," says Stiller. "The idea of doing a third one would be great. It's just figuring out how it could get any bigger, any different."

"How about a normal museum where nothing comes to life, just following the admin," Gervais chips in. "Just naturalise it all..."

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2

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DISCOVER the hidden history of Hazoor Sahib in a new book that sheds light on the final resting place of the Tenth Sikh Guru.

Expert swordsman Nidar Singh Nihang and historian Parmjit Singh will be signing copies of their illustrated book, *In The Master's Presence: The Sikhs of Hazoor Sahib*, at Bluewater on Saturday.

Meet them at Waterstone's from 11am to 3pm. A £10 discount is available to anyone who buys the book on the day.

Enjoy stories about the Pantiles over a coffee

ENCHANTING tales about the historic Pantiles can be enjoyed in a new book about the Tunbridge Wells landmark.

Pantiles owner Targetfellow has published a coffee-table book celebrating the area's 400-year history. It includes information about how the Chalybeate Spring was discovered in 1606.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETSS

I'M RUNNING SAINSBURY'S Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

BEFORE I entered to the world of journalism I worked in a branch of Sainsbury's for a while.

Well, six months and a day, to be exact, and I think it's safe to say it was the worst half-year of my life.

I've paid my dues sticking six-can multipacks of Diet Coke in perfect pyramid formations hour after hour.

I was only part-time, but each shift would grind on and on until it started to feel like time was actually going backwards as customers relentlessly marched towards me like wave after wave of the undead wanting only to know what aisle the pickled onions had been moved to.

In my time there, what always struck me about the place was the snottiness of the general management team, who seemed to think they operated on a higher plain than the rest of humanity, when they were in fact just running a regional supermarket which would make money if Scooby Doo and Shaggy were in charge.

With those painful days still kicking up their fair share of painful dust in my memory banks, I was looking forward to the new show from Channel 4, I'm Running Sainsbury's.

Indeed, running Sainsbury's was often a notion I wished I could put in practice as, time and again, I got a rollicking for squeezing four rows of Pringles into the gap where there should only have been three.

This four-part show lets those who spend their time on the shop floor take over from the usual managers.

Britain's oldest supermarket chain, which is said to make up to £30,000 a



CHECK IT OUT: I'm Running Sainsbury's sees shop floor staff take charge of the supermarket

minute, is intent on uncovering some super new ideas from the staff.

Chief executive Justin King reckons those who do most of the donkey-work should get their say on how to make the store a better place for everybody.

And all this definitely does not have anything to do with free advertising during a prime-time slot – OK!

If nothing else, I guess they are really sticking to the message of their latest slogan "Try something new today".

It should be fascinating watching the staff try to make an impact and it should be even more interesting to see if the store takes any of their ideas on board once the hype and publicity from the whole process have died away.

If nothing else, I guess it can't be any worse than Supermarket Sweep...

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
JUST because you don't have the time or money to go back to school doesn't mean your learning will come to a halt. Head for the library and check out some books devoted to your favourite subject. Some will be over your head, but others will be right up your alley.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
YOU crave intellectual stimulation. This would be a great time to take a class. Hands-on activities might appeal to your creative side. If you're struggling with finances, take a second look at your budget. A few adjustments may be all that's needed to put you back on track.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
MAKING a public presentation will work wonderfully. A superstar like you needs a platform for your talents. Be sure to wear something striking when appearing before the public. Some professionals frown upon making a flashy display, but those rules don't apply to you.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
A MEETING of minds with a romantic or business partner is reassuring. If you've had fights about money in the past, this is the time to find a cash compromise. You're very resourceful, and can find ways to save in some areas so you can splurge in others.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOUR brain is moving at a million miles a minute. This is an excellent time to work on a project that has been giving you lots of grief. All of a sudden what seemed like insurmountable problems become minor inconveniences. You're especially good at finding ways to make money.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
EVERYBODY is eager to contribute their two cents, but their conflicting voices will give you a headache. When confusion sets in, sneak off to a solitary spot where you can think. If you're thinking of going back to school, ask a female friend to write you a letter of recommendation.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
EXPANDING your horizons will be a labour of love. There's never been a better time to plan a trip overseas so long as you go somewhere luxurious. Even a bargain hunter like you needs to splash out now and again. Acquiring new skills and talents is also a possibility.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
BRUSHING up on your work skills makes it easier to rise through the ranks. If you're intent on switching jobs, the same rule applies. Take a class or get a professional certificate. Although you hate focusing on silly little details, it's a necessary component to moving forward.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
SPENDING money on a timesaving gadget will pay off. It might cost a packet, but you will make the most of this device. If you're looking for a job, you could find one in fashion, design or entertainment. Don't be afraid to negotiate a higher salary than is initially offered.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
TEAMWORK is the name of the game this week. Taking the helm of a group will help you to focus on the most important tasks, while subordinates take care of the detail work. Resist the urge to micromanage people. By trusting their abilities, they'll rise to the challenge.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
IT feels as though you can read a loved one's mind and they may be concerned that you're not demonstrative enough. Although it's true you show your affection through thoughtful deeds, rather than physical affection, that may not be sufficient. Step up your game a little.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
LIFE is about to become a lot more fun. If you're in the market for romance you could meet someone special. Keep your ears open for someone with a sexy laugh. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good time to plan leisurely outings with your beloved.

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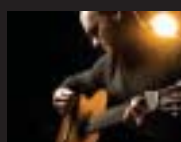
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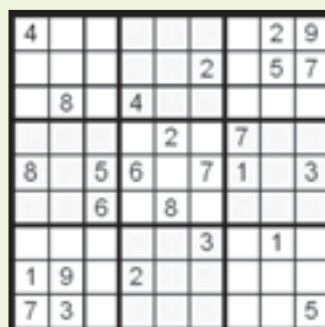
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- 1 Fellow showed the way round said ruins covered in yellowish spots (8)
- 6 Even if eastern balti was stirred (6)
- 9 Person writing very little three times (6)
- 10 Non-contributing member of society (8)
- 11 Keeping out of castiron oven (12)
- 13 Poet in lobby Ronald admitted (5)
- 14 Nervous pain one might have to face (9)
- 17 Some of them stitched ornamental finishing (9)
- 19 Dodge lady about now (5)
- 21 Dot went after uniformed girl with mark of approval (7,5)
- 24 Poison from a port back in the Orient (8)
- 25 Turned on spy who is still in (3,3)
- 26 Said to be part of body of breakwater (6)
- 27 Permanent reputation (8)

DOWN

- 2 Animal, marsupial initially needing space (4)
- 3 Take a short route to slice in two (3,6)
- 4 Animal seized artist round throat (6)
- 5 Drain Penny allowed to be put in river (7)
- 6 Against a redhead in a potentially dark environment finding edentate (8)
- 7 Live group hemmed in (5)
- 8 Wavering at home with more than one thought? (2,3,5)
- 12 Kind author, one worked in the pool (10)
- 15 Matthew going over gallery had finally hovered (9)
- 16 Four repeatedly in another side creating discord (8)
- 18 Evergreen island reported (7)
- 20 Plant last character in North Iowa (6)
- 22 Dazed at court, zany with article removed (5)
- 23 One of five squinting inside (4)

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ACROSS

- 1 Utensil for making soup (8)
- 6 Counterbalance (3,3)
- 9 Genial (6)
- 10 Uncivilised (8)
- 11 Drawing one's attention (12)
- 13 Wed (5)
- 14 Indoctrinate (9)
- 17 Plant of the primrose family (9)
- 19 Pungent (5)
- 21 Discovery (12)
- 24 Across country (8)
- 25 Muslim official (6)
- 26 Bracelet (6)
- 27 Ethics (8)

DOWN

- 2 Implement (4)
- 3 Part of helmet underneath jaw (9)
- 4 Head support (6)
- 5 Cylindrical (7)
- 6 Harem (8)
- 7 Feature (5)
- 8 Amity (10)
- 12 Cabby (4-6)
- 15 Yellow-flowered shrub (4-5)
- 16 Lengthen (8)
- 18 Am older (anag.) (7)
- 20 Musical note (6)
- 22 Spring month (5)
- 23 Achievement (4)

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■ BY BELINDA SZONERT

SHE'S small, she's cute and she's one of the Dutch city of Utrecht's most famous exports.

Miffy, or Nijntje, as the little white rabbit is known in her native Holland, is a popular book and TV character across the globe.

Utrecht, about an hour's drive from the port of Rotterdam, is the birthplace of Miffy creator and local resident Dick Bruna.

But Utrecht is more than the home of Miffy. It's the perfect place for a short break, with pedestrian quaysides lining a network of 14th-century canals, plus bars and restaurants, great shopping and an eclectic mix of tourist attractions.

Founded by the Romans, Utrecht is

Go Dutch in Holland's capital

almost 2,000 years old and was once the largest and most important city in Holland. Today, it is one of Holland's newest city-break destinations.

The focal point is the Dom Church and its tower. A nave once connected the two, but in 1674 this collapsed during a storm. The church and tower were never reconnected, and a street and square now separate the two structures.

Regular tours, with an English-speaking guide, start from the visitor centre and those with plenty of energy can climb the 465 steps to the top of the 112m tower.

The mechanically- and musically-minded, and those with a sense of fun, are sure to enjoy

a visit to the nearby National Museum From Musical Clock To Street Organ.

The museum attracts thousands of visitors each year who come to see automatic musical instruments from the 15th century to today.

Our guide tells us that one of the favourite pieces with the public is the rather strange sounding Rabbit In A Cabbage.

But there's another rabbit on the block – and she can boast a museum of her own!

The Dick Bruna Huis is a must for Miffy aficionados of all ages. There are displays charting Bruna's extraordinary career for the grown-ups, while children can hear stories and play.

The Dick Bruna Huis is part of the Centraal Museum on the opposite side of the street. Highlights from the collection here include works by 17th-century Utrecht Caravaggists – who were inspired by Caravaggio – and 16th-century painter Jan van Scorel.

The Museum Quarter, as it's known, is easy to explore on foot and even includes an Aboriginal Art Museum.

For a different perspective on what the city has to offer, a canal cruise comes highly recommended, while Utrecht also boasts Holland's largest shopping mall, Hoog Catharijne.

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Belinda Szonert was a guest of the Netherlands Board of Tourism and P&O Ferries, which runs daily overnight Hull-Rotterdam crossings from £152 each way for a car and two passengers sharing an en-suite cabin.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Small building firms call for cut in VAT

A CALL for a VAT cut for small firms in the building sector could go some way towards boosting trade, according to a survey.

The Federation of Small Businesses claims a five per cent flat rate for home renovations could help small businesses "struggling against a backdrop of decreasingly bad trade". The industry had pushed the Government heavily in the run-up to the Budget for a cut in VAT on renovation – after a decision in Europe allowed nations to drop the tax rate on a number of services.

A survey by the FSB showed 59 per cent of respondents in the building sector said their trade had fallen in the last six months, with 37 per cent concerned that their financial prospects were poor.

Almost half of those surveyed said it was the lack of demand that was fuelling the negative impact on their businesses. A key concern for business was the 15 per cent VAT rate.

'Greater incentives are needed to go green'

POLICIES to reduce carbon emissions will fail without greater green incentives, a lobby group for property owners has claimed.

The British Property Federation (BPF) said real estate should be one of the easiest areas to make carbon emissions savings but the Government needed to encourage landlords and tenants to work together to make cuts.

Liz Peace, chief executive of the BPF, said: "The Government should explore how the tax system might be used to incentivise improvements by altering the conundrum we have over how the benefits from improvements are shared between landlords and tenants."

The BPF said the Government had ignored the fact that most commercial property was rented.

Ms Peace said: "This means landlords cannot simply walk into a tenant's shop, for example, and turn the lights off. Therefore, any incentives and responsibilities for improving energy performance are widely split between the two groups."

How much are you paying for your HIP?

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Law Society is urging home-sellers to check the real cost of their Home Information Pack with their estate agent to avoid inflated costs.

The warning comes after a Channel 4 News investigation found evidence that more than £100 could be getting added to the price of HIPs because of secret payments to estate agents.

With many estate agents hiring HIP providers to supply home-sellers with the evaluation, the Law Society is calling on sellers to check very carefully how much their agent is charging for the HIP.

Law Society president Paul Marsh said: "The cost of the HIP charged to the home-seller by the estate agent could be much higher than necessary and more than the agent actually pays the HIP provider."

"Because of these hidden referral fees the estate agent is overcharging the seller and making a secret profit."

"Sellers should ask for details of the exact costs to discover if the agent is charging them more than they should be, and more than the HIP actually cost the estate agent."

"They should also ask if the estate agent is receiving a hidden commission from the HIP provider, which would mean the estate agents are keeping part of the cost themselves."

"If the agent is paying £300 to the HIP provider and then charging their

client £400, the client is paying an extra £100 unnecessarily.

"With the other costs involved in selling, these added costs are unwanted extras."

"If sellers do find their agent is charging extra for their HIP they should ask their solicitor if they provide a HIP instead, as solicitors are required to be fully open with their clients about fees."

"The added benefit of using a solicitor is that they are all strictly regulated and required to follow stringent rules, unlike estate agents."

In the latest legislation on house sales anyone hoping to sell their home needs a HIP in place before they can put the property on the market, raising the risk of quickly-arranged HIPs that are inaccurate.

The Law Society has also raised concerns over the new Property Information Questionnaires which are now a feature of HIPs, requiring sellers to answer questions about their home.

Mr Marsh added: "PIQs are supposed to provide information for potential buyers about the property, but if they are not completed correctly it could harm the relationship between buyer and seller, which is the last outcome anyone wants, especially now when the market is so slow."

"A solicitor will be able to assist in completing the questionnaire to ensure it is accurate."



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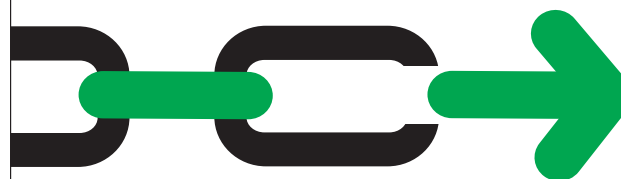
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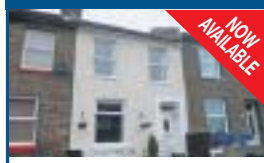

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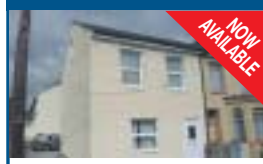
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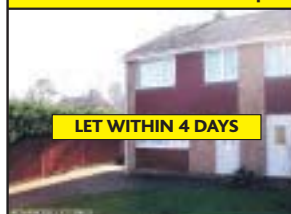
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Most new Prius prices pegged ahead of launch

TOYOTA aims to maintain the momentum of its green champion, the Prius, by defying recession pressures ahead of launching a new model this August.

So the range continues from £18,370 for the Prius T3 entry model, while the T Spirit is also pegged at £21,210, though the mid-range T4 rises £835 to £19,990.

The Mark III version of the petrol-electric hybrid, which has soared in popularity, is claimed to have stronger performance, lower emissions, improved fuel economy and more equipment.



Jazz hits high note on safety and economy

HONDA'S soon to be British-built Jazz has added a safety plus to its reputation as a spacious and economical supermini.

It has been awarded the maximum five-star rating in Euro NCAP's newly overhauled rating scheme, which focuses on a single score for passenger, child and pedestrian protection plus driver safety aids.

This will further boost a car which will switch production to Honda's Swindon plant this autumn, delivering keener prices for recession hit drivers seeking a compact all-rounder.



Mercedes 'Swappage' deal tempts van users

MERCEDES-BENZ has a counter offer to van operators sidelined by the Government's Scrappage scheme – a £2,000 cash incentive whether users have a 10-year-old van to swap or not.

Promoted under the 'Swappage' banner, the deal is on the 109bhp turbodiesel engine Sprinter 311CDI and M-B is chipping in the full £2,000 discount rather than getting half from the Treasury.

The deal is also available on various purchasing arrangements: lease, contract hire or low rate finance.



LITTLE GREEN MACHINE: The Fiat 500, named European Car of the Year 2007, has pioneered Fiat's Eco Drive software which helps the owner to drive more economically

Fiat 500 – the baby that packs a mighty big punch

ROAD TEST FIAT 500

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

EcoDrive, with consequent savings and a greener conscience.

The 1.2 500 model (0-62mph in 12.9 seconds) should average well over 50mpg anyway and is probably the best buy 500, although the modest £8,300 start price can be blown away by tempting options such as our car's black/chrome alloys (from £300).

And you need Lounge spec (from £9,700) to get a split/folding rear seat; the boot is not huge and you might want to flop down one seat to accommodate extra shopping or an awkward item, yet still carry a rear passenger. But Lounge spec brings air con and alloys as standard plus more.

The 500 interior is a pleasing mix of retro with modern materials of higher quality.

Some may scratch easily, but everything you touch feels tough, including the now trademark 'billiard ball' gear knob.

Inheriting the Fiat Panda running gear and chassis is not all good news; the ride can feel unsettled though the lighter weight of the 1.2 against the 1.4-litre petrol and 1.3-litre diesel, makes it feel more refined and more nimble, while still able to cruise the motorway comfortably.



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JAPANESE SUPERMINIS

SUPERMINIS were not something that Japanese carmakers used to 'do' with much style or verve. They were reliable, of course, but easily outclassed for image and style by European marques. But that changed with the original Toyota Yaris, designed for Europe and made in a country that champions the supermini type, France. The Yaris now faces its stiffest competition from fellow Japanese manufacturers in the form of the quirky-looking yet robust Nissan Micra and Mitsubishi Colt. All three make a style statement, but are also practical and reliable.

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MITSUBISHI COLT



THIS stylish little car proved to be a lifeline for Mitsubishi dealerships, stuck in a 4x4 time warp and starved so long of mainstream car models to attract a different customer. The Colt is offered in three forms: an MPV-style five-door with masses of space, a lower-slung and pugnacious sporting three-door or a neat Colt convertible (pictured). The CZT three-door hot hatch version is a good second-hand 'pocket rocket' for the money, but the whole range delivers a decent drive.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA YARIS



TOYOTA'S original mould-breaking supermini (pictured) was replaced in 2006, but the second generation car has built upon its reputation for space within eye-catching dimensions; a Yaris of any age makes a decent used buy. The original also spawned the hugely versatile Verso estate-cum-MPV. The Yaris driving experience is classy too, but the years are becoming less kind to the interior design and visual quality of the original car despite the trendsetting sliding rear seats.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the current Micra has blown that myth apart (pictured). This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style to be space-efficient and you don't need a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra still turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with stylish trim in the dearer versions and there are even some performance models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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CRICKET

BY FRED ATKINS

Kent League Division One Folkestone 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

THE big Shepway derby at Cheriton Road went Folkestone's way, as they successfully chased down a target of 202, with more than half their runs coming from centurion Josh Bryen.

Without Bryen's unbeaten knock of 112 Hythe would almost certainly have won, but a superb partnership with Michael James turned the game on its head.

Hythe won the toss and elected to bat, but lost opener Leon Morgan cheaply when he was bowled by James for just six, leaving Hythe on 27 for 1.

His opening partner Jon Smith was the mainstay of the visitors' innings, making 76 before he was run out.

No other Hythe batsmen reached the half-century mark, leaving Daniel Patching

as the second highest scorer with 37.

Hythe finished on 202 for 7 from 50 overs, which may sound modest but started looking like a very good score when Folkestone lurched to 57 for 6.

Openers Luke Sage and David Miles failed to reach double figures, and Daniel Clark was out for 14, leaving Folkestone on 35 for 3.

Bryen bedded in but his partners kept deserting him. After Clark's departure Laurence Ward was lbw to Patching for a duck and Andy Bray made just seven when he was pinged out by Ben Dwyer.

When Dwyer then bowled Stewart Graham before he'd added a run, Hythe looked odds on favourites to secure the local bragging rights, but that was their last success of the afternoon.

Bryen's 112 included 14 fours, with James playing the anchor role and scoring just one boundary in his unbeaten 43.

The duo put on an unbroken stand of 143 runs to steer Folkestone through with the first ball of the final over.

The win moves Folkestone up to third in the Kent League Division One table, while Hythe by contrast slip into the bottom two, with only Ashford beneath them.



HIGH FIVE: Folkestone celebrate taking a wicket during their win over local rivals Hythe

SCOREBOARD

Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith run out	76
Leon Morgan b James	6
Jago Pearson b James	7
Dan Furnival ct Waingankar b Bray	14
Daniel Patching b Waingankar	37
Richard Perkins ct Waingankar b Bray	18
Ben Dwyer run out	9
Hamish Morrison not out	15
Trevor Squire not out	0
Sam Butler did not bat	
Henry Large did not bat	

Extras (2b 4lb 9w 5pr)	20
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	202

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Michael James	15	0	53	2
Himanshu Waingankar	14.2	1	51	1
Andy Bray	10	0	42	2
Joshua Bryen	4.4	0	29	0
Ryan Currie	6	2	16	0

Folkestone

	Runs
Luke Sage ct Butler b Patching	9
David Miles b Large	4
Daniel Clark ct Morgan b Patching	14
Joshua Bryen not out	112
Laurence Ward lbw b Patching	0
Andy Bray b Dwyer	7
Stewart Graham b Dwyer	0
Michael James not out	43
Ryan Currie did not bat	
Ryan Hall did not bat	
Himanshu Waingankar did not bat	

Extras (2b 9w 3nb)	14
Total (6 wickets, 49.1 overs)	203

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	14	3	36	3
Henry Large	6	1	19	1
Hamish Morrison	11.1	0	51	0
Ben Dwyer	7	0	40	2
Jago Pearson	5	0	37	0
Trevor Squire	6	1	18	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Sandwich 1st XI v Ashford 1st XI

ASHFORD clung on for a draw against Sandwich, with last wicket pair Alex Watson and James Rand staving off defeat.

Sandwich built a huge total, with Craig Snell making 52, Vishaul Singh 82 and Robert Goatham 104 before he was run out.

Chasing 271 for 3, Ashford were in trouble early on and lost wickets at regular intervals, leaving Watson and Rand to hang on at the death and salvage a losing draw.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	52
David Scoggins	13
Robert Goatham	104
Vishaul Singh	83
Michael Williams	5
James Bolt	0
Stuart Smith	0
Gary Burgess	0
Gavin Lawrence	0
Matthew van Poppel	0
Jack Bradley	0
Extras	14
Total	271

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	9	3	24	2
James Rand	8	0	46	0
Liam Tegg	15	2	69	1
Alex Watson	5	0	30	0
Craig Buckham	11	0	74	0
James Watson	2	0	17	0

Ashford Town

	Runs
Simon Taylor	11
Gary Sutton	8
James Watson	39
Stuart Paine	0
Shannon Fattore	40
Liam Tegg	36
Craig Buckham	22
Alex Watson	19
Andrew Maurice	13
Gavin Hope	8
James Rand	0
Extras	12
Total	208

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jack Bradley	14	2	61	4
Craig Snell	12	0	39	2
Matthew van Poppel	5	1	24	0
Michael Williams	9	0	39	1
Robert Goatham	9	1	40	2
Vishaul Singh	1	1	0	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE Bapchild 1st XI v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

BAPCHILD skipper Ben Fulton continued his good form with the bat at the weekend, but there was little he could do in preventing his side slipping to a six-wicket defeat.

Fulton hit an unbeaten 110 in his side's 224 for 6, but he was the only Bapchild batsman to get any form of score as the second highest run getter was Timothy Harrison with 18.

Chris Garton (75) and Jamie Town (99 not out) put on 136 for the second wicket, which gave Betteshanger the platform they needed as they won by six wickets and with more than five overs to spare.

Bapchild

	Runs
Lincoln Bryden	10
Alan Hampton	14
Ben Fulton	110
Adam Larking	12
Lee Taylor	14
Timothy Harrison	18
Ricky Dale	14
Matt Lewis	7
Matthew Roche	0
Andrew Trigwell	0
Joshua Hunt	0

Extras	25
Total	224

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	14	3	38	2
Jamie Towne	13	2	63	1
Steven King	9	1	50	0
Liam Collins	7	2	23	1
Michael McNicholas	7	0	35	2

Betteshanger Colliery

	Runs
Clive Towe	7
Chris Garton	75
Jamie Towe	99
Joffy Towe	0
Gareth Friend	13
Andrew McNicholas	19
Liam Collins	0
Darren Fletcher	0
Michael McNicholas	0
Derek Towe	0
Steven King	0

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matt Lewis	4	0	20	0
Joshua Hunt	10	3	31	3
Matthew Roche	11.4	0	63	1
Alan Hampton	5	0	29	0
Lincoln Bryden	6	0	41	0
Adam Larking	4	0	24	0
Timothy Harrison	3	0	14	0
Ricky Dale	1	0	2	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A Yalding 1st XI v Deal Victoria

ANTHONY Shepherd took 4 for 32 and Jumshad Haider 3 and 40 as Yalding bowled Deal out for 144 in 334 overs at The Kintons.

Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam also took 2 for 46 as the visitors were dismissed for an eminently gettable target.

Yalding's chase was bolstered by a half-century opening stand between Shumshair Haider and Alistair Ratcliff and Scott Walker (50 not out) steered them home in the 50th over.

Deal Victoria

	Runs
Andrew Furness	0
Austen Marsh	0
Charles Mailli	5
Sam Killip	2
Robbie Brannan	17
Simon Farrow	12
Matthew Carley	8
Matthew Hudson	6
Alex Hinkins	23
Scott McNamara	10
Graham McNamara	4

Extras	7
Total	144

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jumshad Haider	9	2	40	3
Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam	10	1	46	2
Anthony Shepherd	8.4	1	32	4
Andrew Robinson	6	0	22	1

Yalding

	Runs
Shumshair Haider	33
Alistair Ratcliff	45
Scott Walker	50
Graham Hutchins	4
James Dugmore	2
John Ryan	0
Anthony Shepherd	0
Jumshad Haider	0
Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam	0
Fergus Carty	0
Andrew Robinson	0

Extras	12
Total	146

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	72	2	21	1
Scott McNamara	11	1	28	0
Graham McNamara	11	4	33	0
Charles Mailli	12	4	31	2
Sam Killip	3	0	11	0
Robbie Brannan	5	1	16	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Sibton Park 2nd XI v Orpington 2nd XI

SKIPPER Stuart Murrell hit a hundred and Shahid Rajput 86 as Sibton Park came out with a winning draw against Orpington at the weekend.

Park had been struggling but the pair put on more than 100 in a partnership that helped them score a huge 299 for 6 from their 50 overs.

Orpington never looked interested in trying to win the game and instead shut up shop for the afternoon as they scored 180 for 3 at just over three-an-over to ensure the game ended in a draw.

Sibton Park

	Runs
Tom Payne	35
William Purcell	0
Ben Allon	51
Tim Kingston	12
Daniel Lodge	1
Shahid Rajput	86
Stuart Murrell	104
Iain Grove	4
Gareth Meers	1
Frances Cush	0
Julian Smith	0

Extras	25
Total	299

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Steve Bradford	15	3	64	1
Ben Hydon	8	0	63	0
Matthew Naylor	4	0	36	1
Ben Clarkson	15	3	83	3
Graham Davis	8	1	42	2

Orpington

	Runs
Geoff Atkinson	65
Ian Game	27
George Smith	3
Simon Whitehead	22
Stuart Milner	40
Ben Clarkson	0
Graham Davis	0
Matthew Naylor	0
Ben Hydon	0
Steve Hydon	0
Steve Bradford	0

Extras	32
Total	180

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Shahid Rajput	12	3	14	0
Gareth Meers	3	0	23	0
Stuart Murrell	9	0	48	0
Iain Grove	12	1	45	2
Ben Allon	14	1	50	1

Club to tee off Open centenary event



SWINGING: Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of J H Taylor's Open triumph

THE Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club are holding a special competition on Saturday, June 13 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of J H Taylor winning his fourth Open title at the Deal links in 1909.

The competition is a 'members only' event, although the club have also invited the current captains of all the other clubs who have hosted the Open to take part in the weekend's festivities, which will include a black tie dinner on the Saturday evening.

GOLF

The Cinque Ports club have hosted the Open twice in their history, in 1909 and 1920.

J H Taylor won the 1909 Championship by a six-shot margin from James Braid and Tom Ball, and his reward was a cheque for £50 after shooting a four-round total of 295 which magazine, The American Golfer, described as the "very perfection of steadiness."

Hess hopes of signing new defender dashed

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

A CENTRAL defender is top of Andy Hessenthaler's wish list after transfer target Chris Hope turned down a move to Dover Athletic.

The Whites boss had been in talks with the Rushden & Diamonds defender for a number of weeks, but it appears the deal is off, with Hope unable to move from his Northampton home to Kent.

The defender, who made 230 appearances for Gillingham, would have brought a wealth of experience into the Dover defence.

Hessenthaler admitted he was "gutted" to have missed out on signing Hope, especially with defender Laurence Ball leaving the club to go to Oxford University and Olly Schulz suspended for the first three games of next season.

However, talks with two potential additions to his squad are already underway.

He told Yourdover: "Unfortunately it looks as though Chris will not be

joining us. It just hasn't worked out. He was looking at moving from his home in Northampton down to Kent, but it doesn't look like he will be able to that. I am gutted he has not been able to join us, but we will have to move on and try and find another centre-half.

"I am happy with the squad I have got at the moment. We are in talks with a couple players, but that is it. I hope I can bring in two or three players before the season starts. I also think we need a midfield player and a striker."

The Dover manager also believes a move for Nicky Southall is unlikely following the midfielder's release from Gillingham last week.

Southall, a close friend of Hessenthaler, spent a month on loan at Dover last season, but the Whites boss feels he would not drop down two divisions.

He added: "There are a number of Football League clubs who are interested in him both in League Two and League One."

"He enjoyed his time at Dover and you never know what is around the corner, but I feel it would be unlikely for him to come back to us."

"I would expect him to make a decision about his future after he goes away on holiday."



NO DEAL: Former Gillingham defender Chris Hope (pictured) will not be joining Dover as talks came to a close with the Rushden & Diamonds player this week

GOLF

Scotland fails to make cut at European Open

ZANE Scotland's poor form continued as he missed the cut as the European Tour returned to Kent last week.

The 26-year-old, who represents Prince's Golf Club in Sandwich, shot two rounds of 75 to finish six-over par in the European Open at the London Golf Club near Ash.

Beginning from the tenth in Thursday's first round, Scotland dropped shots at the first two holes. He got back to level par with birdies at the 12th and 15th, but three more bogeys saw him drop down the field.

After a level par front nine in the second round he was still in with a chance of making the cut before finishing bogey-double bogey wrecked his chances.

OVER PAR: Zane Scotland

Unheralded Frenchman Christian Cevaer won the tournament in a thrilling final round.

At one stage ten players were within two shots of the lead but one by one the contenders succumbed to the pressure.

Cevaer, who began the week ranked 449 in the world, held his nerve to par the tough 18th and win the biggest title of his career.

Scotland is back in action tomorrow in the Wales Open at Celtic Manor.



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